

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Initially, the Office Action Summary page of the Office Action has a check mark in box 10b), appearing to indicate that the drawings are objected to by the Examiner. However, there are no drawings for this application.

In item 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner notes the requirement for a reference to the prior application. Please note that a cross reference to the prior application was inserted by Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application. This cross reference has now been amended to indicate the patented status of the parent application.

With regard to item 4 beginning on page 2 of the Office Action, please see the Request for Examiner-Initialed PTO-1449 Form submitted concurrently herewith.

Referring to item 5 on page 3 of the Office Action, the abstract has been rewritten to reflect the subject matter of claim 19 as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment. The new abstract refers to the specification for the definitions of the variables, in order not to exceed the maximum length for the abstract.

The claims have been amended in response to the rejection of claims 19-21, 31 and 32 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, as a result of which this rejection has been rendered moot.

In this regard, claims 19-21 have been replaced by new claims 37-39, respectively. The new claims incorporate the definitions for the variables (R^2 to R^5 , R^{31} , R^{32} , R^{52} and Q) from claim 1, and from claim 13 for R^{52} . The nitro group (NO_2) in formula (V) has been corrected. The protective group for the hydroxyl group has been specified based on the disclosure at page 13, lines 14-21 of the specification; and the protective group for the carboxyl group has been specified based on the disclosure at page 20, lines 18-24.


Claims 31 and 32 have been amended to specify the protective groups for the hydroxyl and carboxyl groups, and the repeaters m, k, j, p and q have been set forth as subscripts.

Accordingly, the present application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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